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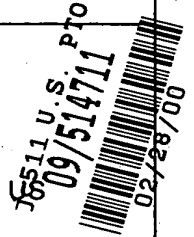
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

Attorney Docket No. 203947

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. ☒ Utility Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification (including claims and abstract) [Total Pages 24]
3. ☒ Drawings [Total Sheets 6]
4. ☐ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed
 - b. ☐ Copy from prior application [Note Box 5 below]
 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
5. ☐ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))
9. ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of References
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
 - ☐ Enclosed
 - ☐ Statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired
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17. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information in (a) and (b) below:

- (a) ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. _____
Prior application information: Examiner _____; Group Art Unit: _____
- (b) Preliminary Amendment: Relate Back - 35 USC §120. The Commissioner is requested to amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first line:
"This is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional of copending application(s)
☐ Serial No. _____, filed on _____
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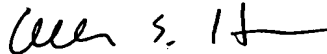
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20. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,386.00 is enclosed.
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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR §1.17.
22. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

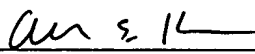
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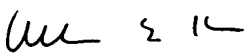
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